
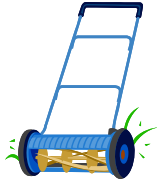



# CLIMATE CHANGE CHECK SHEET

## Fifty Actions That Reduce Greenhouse Emissions

REDUCE EMISSIONS AROUND THE HOME, WHILE SHOPPING, AT WORK & SCHOOL, IN THE CAR, IN YOUR LIFE.


- ✓ **AT HOME**
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- ☐ 1 Get a home energy audit.
  - ☐ 2 Replace incandescent with CFL light bulbs.
  - ☐ 3 Install a programmable thermostat (heat/cool).
  - ☐ 4 Set thermostat down 2° in winter, up 2° in summer.
  - ☐ 5 Clean/replace furnace and air conditioner filters.
  - ☐ 6 Choose energy efficient appliances [when replacing].
  - ☐ 7 Do not leave appliances in standby mode.
  - ☐ 8 Wrap water heater in insulation blanket.
  - ☐ 9 If airing your home, keep the heat in and the cold out.
  - ☐ 10 Replace single-glazed windows with double-glazed.
  - ☐ 11 Recycle at home, school, the office, everywhere!
  - ☐ 12 Insulate / weatherize your home.
  - ☐ 13 Cover pots when cooking.
  - ☐ 14 Use less hot water.
  - ☐ 15 Run washer / dishwasher only when full.
  - ☐ 16 Take a short shower instead of a bath.
  - ☐ 17 Dry clothes on a line when possible.
  - ☐ 18 Install a ceiling fan.


- ✓ **IN THE YARD**
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- ☐ 19 Compost organic waste.
  - ☐ 20 Use hand tools and a push mower.
  - ☐ 21 Plant a tree; Protect and conserve forests.

- ✓ **AT WORK**
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- ☐ 22 Take your lunch to work / school.
  - ☐ 23 Encourage emission reductions at work, school, etc.

- ✓ **YOUR POLITICAL POWER**
- ☐ 24 Talk to your representatives – federal, state, local.
  - ☐ 25 Run for office / push for healthy Climate Change policies

- ✓ **AT THE STORE**
- ☐ 26 Buy locally grown and produced foods.
  - ☐ 27 Reuse shopping bags / Use cloth grocery bags.
  - ☐ 28 Buy organic foods.
  - ☐ 29 Support local farmers' markets.
  - ☐ 30 Purchase fresh over frozen foods.
  - ☐ 31 Choose products with less packaging.
  - ☐ 32 Buy in bulk.
  - ☐ 33 Eat less meat.
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- ✓ **IN THE CAR / WHEN YOU TRAVEL**
- ☐ 34 Reduce the number of miles you drive.
  - ☐ 35 Car pool to work, school or other activities.
  - ☐ 36 Keep your car well tuned.
  - ☐ 37 Drive smoothly avoiding quick starts and stops.
  - ☐ 38 Keep tires properly inflated.
  - ☐ 39 Choose to drive fuel efficient vehicles.
  - ☐ 40 Try car sharing.
  - ☐ 41 Telecommute from home.
  - ☐ 42 Bike, skate, walk instead of driving.
  - ☐ 43 Don't idle your engine for more than half a minute.
  - ☐ 44 Avoid drive-thru windows
  - ☐ 45 Link several errands into one trip.
  - ☐ 46 Support alternative fuels.
  - ☐ 47 Become an Eco-driver to reduce fuel use
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- ✓ **AS A CONSUMER**
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- ☐ 48 Encourage more renewable energy.
  - ☐ 49 Buy recycled products.
  - ☐ 50 Invest in responsible businesses.

*The power to use less power is in each of us!*

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